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History of The City Delivery Postal Service

THE early form of modern City Delivery went into operation on July 1st, 1863. The law passed at this time fixed the salary of city carriers at $800 per year, and permitted carriers at offices where postage on local letters should yield a sum more than sufficient to pay the carrier salaries.

Joseph William Briggs, General Delivery clerk at Cleveland is given credit for conceiving the idea of our modern city delivery service as we know it now. He worked out a system in cooperation with the Cleveland postmaster and acted as first carrier there. In recognition, the postmaster general appointed him special agent to install the city delivery service throughout the country, which took him six years to complete. Briggs also designed the first carrier uniform. He died in 1872 and the Ohio Society of New York erected a tablet to his memory in the Cleveland postoffice in 1921.

The legislation of 1873 restricted delivery service to towns of 20,000 or over. Next year it was placed at 30,000. The act of 1879 required delivery at all towns of 50,000 or over and permitted it at towns of 20,000 provided gross revenues of preceeding year were $20,000 or more. Finally the act of 1887 required city carriers in all towns of 50,000 or more and permitted it in towns of 10,000 or more with a gross income of $10,000 or more the preceeding year. This law is in effect today with additional requirements that there should be sidewalks, street lights, houses numbered, the names of streets placed at intersections. Under this law the city delivery service has grown to its present proportions.

The city carrier is one of the largest and most important cog in the Postal Service, and the one who, of all government employees, has the greatest contact with the public. Owing to the growth of the volume of mail, the carrier of today rarely misses a house, and when he does his patrons miss him and feel slighted if he does not stop, even if it is only a circular.

The city carriers receive a salary of $1700 to $2100 per year with 3½% deduction for pension. They are granted a 15 day vacation, all national holidays and sick leave. They can retire at the age of 63 on a pension of $100 per month. Letter carriers are appointed after a civil service examination by the Civil Service Commission and must be between the ages of 18 and 45 years. They first go on substitute duty and serve when the regular carrier is off duty and receive 65c an hour for actual time served. The carriers are required to furnish their own uniforms. Schedules are arranged so as to require about eight hours work a day, except Saturdays, when four hours constitute a day's work. Residence districts are generally given two deliveries and business sections four or five deliveries a day. Before 1916 patrons were not obliged to provide receptacles for their mail. Today each residence or apartment must have a receptacle in order to receive mail. A carrier is not required to take out more than 50 pounds of mail in his bag, nor a package weighing over four pounds or in size larger than a shoe box.

In season and out, in all kinds of weather, no matter whether it snows, rains, sleets or blows a gale the postman never fails in his duty. During the world war a number of women were employed as letter carriers, especially at the large industrial and manufacturing centers but at present none are employed in this capacity except a few as village carriers. The Postoffice maintains an honor roll, on which are placed the names of those carriers who have performed unusual or hazardous service in behalf of their government and in protecting the mails entrusted to their care. On this roll is the name of John P. Enz, former letter carrier at Elizabeth, N. J. On October 1, 1926, he was taking several packages of money to banks and trust companies. Shortly after leaving the postoffice he was held up by masked bandits and without the slightest warning shot through the head, causing instant death.

In November 1926, Joseph Rosso, a carrier in New York City post office, was instrumental in giving information to customs officials that thwarted the smuggling of some diamonds into the United States. His name, too appears on the honor roll.

Records of the Department show that twice as many carriers are retired for disability, incurred in the service than clerks, indicating the severity of wear and tear of delivery service.

Service stars are worn by the carriers showing the length of time they have been in the employ of the post office department. For five years service a black star is worn on the sleeve, ten years, two black stars; fifteen years, one red star; twenty years, two red stars; twenty-five years, one silver star; thirty years, two silver stars, thirty-five years, one gold star; forty years, two gold stars; and forty-five years, three gold stars.

When John Wannamaker was Postmaster General, an experiment in postal service was tried. It was called

village delivery and an experimental carrier route was established in Middletown, Md. Later, however, through lack of authority, service was discontinued. The residents of Middletown were so pleased with the service that they decided to keep it up without the assistance of the government funds. The rate for mail delivery varied with the amount of mail and distance from the post office. Some of the patrons paid the carrier $1.50 a year and others as high as $15. This service was discontinued when the carrier died. Now it is served by rural carrier.

It is estimated that the letter carriers deliver 5,500,000 registered letters, 1,300,000,000 ordinary letters, 275,000,000 postcards, 600,000,000 newspapers and collect 1,050,000,000 letters a year.

ZEPPELIN BROKEN CIRCLE

A broken circle variety in the 65c U. S. Zeppelin stamp, similar to the broken circle variety on the 5c Walloon stamp is reported by Mr. George H. V. Mariner of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Mariner says, "today while looking over my air mail stamps I found a block of the 65c Graf Zeppelin stamps with one of the circles around the 65c broken. The plate number of the block is 20079 and the stamp is the second one to the right of the plate number."

We should be glad to hear from others having this plate block and see if the variety is constant or merely an inking defect.

PADE GOING TO COLORADO

Mr. A. E. Pade of Woodside, L. I., N. Y., whose advertisement appears regularly in this paper advises that he will move soon, to Denver, Colorado. Mr. Pade asks that collectors who have been doing business with him be patient until he has become located in his new home. It will probably be about December 1st, that this change is made and until that time Mr. Pade can be addressed at his present address.

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THE YORKTOWN STAMPS

Interest in the beautiful Yorktown issue has already made it possible to get a very thorough check on the various combinations of plate numbers. Our first list had to do only with the sheets of 50 stamps from the 100 subject plates. It appears that these were the sheets that were sent throughout the country for sale in the postoffices while a special printing also from 100 subject plates but divided with a wide margin between the two panes in the plate, so that when printed, the stamps were cut to 50 stamp sheets and were perforated with a margin on all sides.

We learn from Mr. A. E. Gorham of Washington, D. C., that there were 22,500,000 of the 100 subject plate such as were distributed throughout the country and that there were but 2,500,000 stamps from the printing that was sold only at the Agency at Washington. Mr. Gorham also states that of this lot that were sold at the Agency that a few sheets were printed before the plates were hardened and finished. After this small printing the letters F were added to the red plates and the printing then finished so that right hand panes of this Agency Sheet without the letter F in the red printing will be quite scarce sheets.

Nothing of consequence in a minor variety has as yet been reported. Numerous collectors have reported small black dots showing throughout various stamps in the red portion of the design. These dots are doubtless position marks on the plates and are of no consequence.

From the sheets that were distributed throughout the country, it is now evident that the entire list of plate numbers is as follows:

Red —20461-2-3-4-5
20478-9
20480-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8

Making a total of 16 red plates.

Black—20470-2-3-4-5-6-7
20504-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12
20597-8-9
20600-1-2

Making a total of 22 black plates.

The use of these plates, each black with every red would give us a combination of 352 different blocks in each of the four positions. Already 326 of these combinations have been reported.

Following is a list of the combinations that have not yet been reported and if any collector has any of these combinations please report them to the Editor of this paper in order that they may be listed as known to exist.

Red —20461
Black—20599-600-2

Red —20462
Black—20473

Red —20463
Black—20473

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Red —20465
Black—20508-09

Red —20479
Black—20473

Red —20480
Black—20473-598-602

Red —20481
Black—20473-600

Red —20482
Black—20599

Red —20483
Black—20473-602

Red —20484
Black—20598

Red —20485
Black—20473-509

Red —20486
Black—20509-598-9-602

Red —20487
Black—20599-600

Red —20488
Black—20602

A check on the Agency sheets which were printed from eight red and sixteen black plates shows almost a complete list of the combinations of the various plates.

On these sheets the red numbers are 20646-7-8-9-668-9-70-1. The black plates are numbered 20650-1-2-3-6-7-8-9-60-1-2-3-4-5-6-7, and thus there are a possible combination of 128 different blocks of which we already have reported 115 blocks or all excepting 13 different combinations.

The missing combinations are as follows and anyone having any of these combinations please report to the editor of this paper in order that same may be recorded as existing.

Red —20646
Black—20656

Red —20648
Black—20666

Red —20649
Black—20658

Red —20668
Black—20656-65-7

Red —20669
Black—20650

Red —20670
Black—20660-1-5-6

Red —20671
Black—20658-65

The two different printings of these stamps make some very interesting and attractive blocks for the collector who is interested in collecting position blocks. Collectors of stamps in this country have got to learn and realize that a straight edged stamp is just as good, just as desirable and furthermore just as necessary in any collection of stamps as are the fully perforated ones. In this issue as well as in the recent red cross issue, there are position blocks which can be had in no other form than with a straight edge. These blocks are essential if you wish to collect position blocks and it is high time that such blocks are recognized as desirable and acceptable copies.

For the collector who does not attempt to collect a complete set of plate number blocks there are numerous interesting blocks which are marked in such a manner as to show their position on the sheets and these blocks are always of interest and make up a very attractive display for a small specialized collection.

The sheets sold at the Agency in Washington are much more interesting because of the plate lines running through the sheets, and the arrows in the margins.

We feel greatly indebted to the many friends who have assisted in the compilation of these lists of combinations of the plates used in printing the stamps and wish to list their names with honorable mention for service rendered.

Following are names which were not previously listed and we hope that we have not missed anyone.

John T. Wright, G. L. Fulton, Kenneth Barnes, Wm. D. Hennessey Jr., Paul Lentz, Harry Beaman, Michael S. Paulson, Leslie T. Goodrich, E. B. Wetterlund, Joe H. Mittenthal, B. F. Deitzer, Leslie Kerr, D. W. Mellen Jr., Mrs. Paul E. Peterson, T. B. Hyatt, Mrs. R. H. Eurich, F. E. Ringey, John W. Schretter, P. R. Crooker, Robert G. Fountain, Roland Diener, Earl A. Hall, Richard Jensen, Golden Bear Stamp Co., C. F. Munch, Kermit O'Connell, H. J. O'Rourke, F. E. Pilger, Mrs. R. F. Cole, Milo C. Reynolds, W. S. Gardner, Geo. F. Webb, S. D. Arnett, Forrest W. Waterman, Jack W. Turrentine, John L. Cross, E. K. Stone, W. P. Campbell, Wade H. Mayhew, John J. Terry, Clarence George, W. G. Scholl, Ross Shumaker, John C. Morgan, Walter E. Klaus, Edw. Callahan, G. H. V. Mariner, Melville C. Vaughn, Geo. E. Higgins, W. J. Conan Jr., H. P. Eighmey, Lester Feagler, Robert L. Jones, W. B. Esselen Jr., Geo. L. Holmes, W. Coombs, Cecil H. Chilton, George L. Fedchena, Herbert W. Knopp, Chas. B. Soenssen, Jack James, H. S. Williams, Harold L. Cooper, R. J. Tarpy, L. F. Hummer, A. L. Ballard.

LONG BEACH STAMP COLLECTOR'S CLUB

At the October 20th meeting of this club, Mr. Herman Naschke of Los Angeles entertained the members by exhibiting a nearly complete collection of air mail stamps, and gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on these stamps.

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UNITED STATES—We are indebted to Mr. C. E. Dittmer, for a copy of "The United States Daily," which gives us the information that the Yorktown stamp will not be re-issued. This means that the original order of 25,000,000 will have to suffice.

New Postage Due Varieties. The Scott Type D3, has been issued printed on the Rotary Press, for the 1c, 2c, 5c, and 10c. In so much as an ample quantity of the flat-plate 3c, 30c and 50c are on hand, their appearance printing from the Rotary Press, will be delayed. The flat-plate varieties were certainly short-lived.

(Phil Ward)

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Official Stamps. Scott's Type A104, without period after value, surcharged "M.A."

No. 643—A104—10c dull green

Same as above, surcharged "MOP" in Roman Capitals:

No. 521—A104— 3c green
No. 922—A104—10c dull green
No. 923—A104—30c dull rose

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

BRAZIL—The 3,000 reis air mail stamp of 1930, Scott's AP9, has been reduced by surcharging, 2,500r,

2,500r on 3,000r violet

(A. F. Turner)

Correction in chronicle of September 26th. We note that the last issue of Scott's Monthly Journal lists provisionals 200r on 300r, as both being surcharged on their No. 293, in place of one being on No. 306, as we noted previously. The difference is in the watermark.

CANAL ZONE—It is reported that the following portraits, are shortly to appear on Canal Zone stamps:

10c, General H. F. Hodges
15c, Commander Jackson Smith
20c, Admiral H. H. Rousseau

(Phil Ward)

CHILE—Air Post Stamps. 1930-31 Re-engraved, inscribed "Chile Correos." Wmk, multiple small star in shield.

No. 620—A43—2p vermillion & black

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — Mr. Paul Veith submits for chronicle a copy of Scott's No. 239, surcharged "UN CENTAVOS." While we do not wish to appear as too critical, or pose as an expert, this stamp has the "earmarks" of a manufactured provisional. The lines blocking out the numerals in the upper corners, as well as that blocking out the denomination, in the lower border, look to the naked eye, as well as under a glass, as being done by a pen. The word centavos is also poorly done, the last three letters of the word, being out of line with the first five, even appearing to be double. Until we learn otherwise, we cannot class this as official.

HONG KONG—Two new values have appeared:

5c gray
5c blue-purple

(A. F. Turner)

NETHERLANDS — Further information as to the two values noted in our October 24th issue, is to the effect that the 36c shows a medallion portrait of the Queen and three airplanes passing in opposite directions within a traverse diagonal panel. The 70c has a background of blast furnaces and a transporter bridge. Colors: 36c blue and orange; 70c deep blue and red.

(A. F. Turner)

NEW ZEALAND—The ½d Life Insurance stamp on Cowan paper and perf. 14, has appeared.

½d. yellow green

(A. F. Turner)

NICARAGUA—Mr. Paul Veith submits a copy of Scott's No. 410, diagonal bisect, which we assume is the same as Scott's No. 410b. He also submits what appears to us to be a bisect of Scott's No. 536, on part cover. Due to the fact that it is a diagonal bisect, we cannot be sure of the surcharge, only part of it show-

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641	.30
642-5 N. Pole	2.25
Greece—751-4	.50
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705	.45
706	.10
707-11	.35
Haiti—401-4	.75
Honduras—416-7	2.00
418-21, 423, 430 & 435	2.75
425-7	1.50
441-5	2.40
Hungary—951-2	.75
956-61	.70
962-9	.90
970-3	2.00
974-5	.95
Liechtenstein—407-8	1.25
Netherlands—New 36 c.	.22
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PARAGUAY—Copies of the entire Air Mail set listed in our issue of October 31st, are now at hand, so we note the colors of the three not known at the time of our last listing:

5c light blue
40c deep green
80c dull blue

(Broadway Stamp Co.)

ROUMANIA — Postage Dues. Scott's Type D2 surcharged in red "TIMBRUL AVIATIEI":

1L black
2L black

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

RUSSIA — Four more from the Soviet Republic:

Perf. 12x12½
A107 80k red brown

Imperf.
A 95 2k yellow green
A 96 3k blue

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

SPAIN—The 10c stamp, bearing the head of ex-King Alfonso, overprinted in red, the cursive Republican overprint:

10c green (Republica Espanola)

(C. F. Turner)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA — The Pretoria rotary printing of the current 6d. stamp is now found with the "OFFISIEEL-OFFICILA" overprint reading downwards, without stops:

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(C. F. Turner)

VATICAN CITY—Provisional Parcel Post and Express Letter stamps have appeared. Scott's Nos. 1 to 13, both Nos. inclusive, together with Nos. 201 and 202, overprinted "PER PACCHI."

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WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL STAMPS AND STAMPED ENVELOPES

Third Asst. Postmaster General,
Washington, November 4, 1931.

The special attention of postmasters and postal employees at direct and central accounting post offices is called to the instructions in the Postal Bulletin of September 29 and beginning on page 17 of the October Guide, concerning the forthcoming issue of bicentennial stamps and stamped envelopes. Postmasters are advised that distribution of bicentennial stamps will be begun at an early date.

Postmasters are again notified that these advance shipments of bicentennial stamps and stamped envelopes must be retained intact in the post office until January 2, 1932, on which date, BUT NOT BEFORE, the commemorative stamps and envelopes will be placed on sale to the public.

The first day sale of the bicentennial stamps and stamped envelopes will be restricted to Washington, D. C., and postmasters at all other post offices are directed to see that their advance shipments of the new commemorative stamps and envelopes are adequately safeguarded to prevent the sale or removal from the post office of any of the stock before January 2, 1932. In this connection, attention is invited to the special instructions in the Postal Bulletin of October 16 headed "Commemorative Postage Stamps," which must be explicitly adhered to.

As stated in the original notice, it will not be possible, because of the volume of work involved, for the Washington post office or the Philatelic Agency to prepare first day covers of the bicentennial stamps and stamped envelopes for collectors. Therefore, all requests to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., or the Philatelic Agency for first day covers of the Washington bicentennial stamps and stamped envelopes will be returned to the sender unfilled.

The department has also been informed that many requests for first-day covers are being received from collectors by the Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington, D. C., and the chamber of commerce, Washington, D. C., which, likewise, can not be accepted. These organizations have advised the department that they have no facilities or funds available for the handling of such stamp covers.

It will, therefore, be necessary for collectors desiring bicentennial first-day covers to arrange for the service with some private individual or business concern. Postmasters may advise local collectors who make inquiry that many of the leading philatelic magazines, such as the Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Portland, Me., Linn's Weekly Stamp News, Columbus, Ohio; and the Stamp Collector's Magazine, Richmond, Va., as shown by complimentary copies received in

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the department, are now carrying the advertisements of numerous concerns that offer to supply bicentennial covers at a nominal charge. No doubt other philatelic publications, having as subscribers members of the various philatelic societies throughout the country, are carrying the announcements of collectors and dealers who will perform this first-day service.

Collectors who are interested may also be advised that the department will not provide a special cachet for use on bicentennial first-day covers mailed at the Washington, D. C., post office of January 1, 1932.

F. A. TILTON,
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Precancels

Information regarding new issues and notes of interest on all Precancels, other than Buro Prints, should be sent direct to the Editor of this column.

K. M. GIERHART, BALTIMORE, OHIO

Mr. Harry Morse of Los Angeles informs me that the numbers on the Canadian precancels denote the office from which they came and not the permit holders number. Canadian collectors will have to have a code book now to place their stamps in their collections or else memorize the numbers so they know from what city they came.

Notwithstanding the above Canadian precancels always appealed to me above any other foreign precancels. The deep rich colors with the almost always jet black cancellation has a certain fascination hard to resist.

Philadelphia has replaced its double line type with a type very similar, except in place of double lines is one solid line the width of the space between the double lines on the former plate which is a good mm. wide. I thought at first this might be a heavily inked copy, the ink having filled in that space between the lines, but it seems too clear cut an impression for that. Any information on the above will be appreciated.

Salina, Mich., is a new town using the U-82 handstamp type. The copy I have is a 2c comp. perf. double. These stamps are used by a little swapping magazine when sending out sample copies.

New Philadelphia, Ohio, is using a new handstamp type exactly like East Killingly, Conn., Philadelphia being split a Phila.

West Springfield, Mass., a new town using the same handstamp as mentioned above. This type seems to be getting popular with towns having extra long names, and no doubt will be listed as a regular universal style in future catalogs.

Believe It or Not! I saw the following postage dues all on one package. One sheet of 3c old style, two sheets of the 2c new style and a sheet of the 1c, $8.00 in all. The 1c and 2c were precancelled Pittsburgh in the U-1 type and the 3c were cancelled with a box roller. The above instance is a good reason why we need and can use the higher denomination dues.

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The auction will contain only fine or better material, mostly U. S., Canada, Newfoundland, and British Colonies. Catalogues will be mailed to parties now on our list and to those who wish to receive them if they will send their name and address. Auction material is needed and will be accepted up to November 16. Anyone wishing to enter material will receive blanks and instructions from Mr. M. B. Gay, 155 Burr Oak St., N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Further evidence of the increasing general interest in Philately is seen in the fact that the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, N. Y., has inaugurated a weekly department "For Stamp Collectors," appearing in their Sunday issue commencing October 25, 1931. "Announcements of new issues, news of local stamp clubs, and other general information will be provided."

The department is conducted by Mr. Victor A. Norman, a prominent member of the International Stamp Club of Brooklyn, N. Y. Incidentally, the block of six Columbian 2c stamps, broken hat type, which is mentioned in the first issue of this new department, is in the collection of Mr. Norman.

The publicity given to our hobby through such departments in the newspapers, should certainly result in wider interest in the subject, and stamp clubs wishing to increase their membership may find it worth while to seriously consider this question, if the local paper does not already carry a column for stamp collectors.

D. BLAKE BATTLES

Newspaper clippings gave the first story of the tragic death of the wife and two sons of Mr. D. Blake Battles, Ferndale, Michigan. Mr. Battles has been using advertising space in this paper and until he has had time to recover from the blow, collectors who have been corresponding with him should be very lenient.

Mr. Battles had been a commercial artist and had formerly been employed by the automobile plants at Detroit. Lack of work in the past year or more led him into the stamp game in an effort to take care of his family. Worry over their plight must have unbalanced the mind of his wife for she took the lives of her two young sons as well as her own by getting the children to sleep and turning on the gas and laying down beside them.

Mr. Battles also writes us from Wellington, Ohio, where he is temporarily located and we are certain that his many friends about the country will regret to learn this sad news.

DOUBLE FIRST DAY COVERS

Cover fiends might try the stunt that has been worked by Mr. Ira W. Lichtig of Cleveland Height, Ohio. This enthusiast for first day covers took two first day Pulaski covers, placed Yorktown stamps on the backs of the covers and addressed them to himself so that he now has a first day cover of both the Pulaski and Yorktown stamp on one envelope.

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By Capt. A. C. Townsend

Mr. Marquette, the editor of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, has sent me to ask you how you like your representation on the 1c stamp of the Trans-Mississippi set, the set issued in 1898, you know.

You are welcome, my son. Take this comfortable chair. I am glad indeed that your Editor decided to honor me with an interview, unworthy as I am, for it gives me the opportunity to right a wrong. The day is warm; may I offer you a cup of cold water?

Thank you, Father Marquette. Now will you explain what you mean by that mentioned injustice?

Thank you, my son, for giving me that kindly title. I did indeed try to be a father to the poor Indians of your glorious country while God allowed me to work with them for a few short years. What I refer to is this:

My picture should not be on that stamp. I did not discover the Mississippi River, De Soto did that. And I did not explore it alone. I might never have traversed it, much as I desired to after hearing of it from my Indian children, had not Joliet arrived from France with orders to explore it and take me with him on the venture. Therefore it is clear that either De Soto or Joliet should have been portrayed on that stamp.

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EDITORIALS

A RECORD Birthdays are strenuous things. The Editor has succeeded in safely passing through almost fifty such celebrations for his own account but a birthday celebration for a live and husky Stamp Weekly is quite another thing. This past week has kept our entire force on the jump every minute of the time and were it not for the loyal support of our printers, pressmen and the girls in our bindery and mailing departments it would not have been possible to have produced the excellent number of this paper that was mailed to over 8600 of our paid subscribers and to nearly 1500 other collectors whose names are not on our regular mailing list.

With this birthday edition we have set a record for Linn's Weekly Stamp News and we find by comparison with special issues of other publications of this early fall and winter season that we have set a record for all stamp papers in the volume of advertising that is printed in a single number. Without considering our own announcements, we find that there is a total of 559½ inches of paid advertising copy in the November 7th issue of this publication.

When we announced this birthday special we anticipated that a 20-page number would be sufficient to take care of the extra advertising and allow us the usual room for news matter.

It is useless for us to try to tell you how badly we were fooled for the paper speaks for itself and we feel greatly indebted to everyone of the dealers and collectors who assisted in helping produce this remarkable issue of a Weekly Stamp paper at the tender age of three years.

OUR NEW FORM We trust that our readers will approve of the new form and make-up of the Weekly. We have widened the columns, added some new headings, and we believe we have produced an attractive looking paper. Other improvements will be made from time to time, but just now we are obliged to sit on the lid to keep it from growing faster than we can arrange to take care of it. Our shop is cramped in its present location. We have two years yet before we can get out from our present lease and get into larger quarters and put in larger presses and other equipment that will enable us to open her up and let her run wild. When we get there we will show you some action.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT Did you notice the new Classified Advertising pages. We believe we have the most attractive and beautiful as well as the best displayed classified advertising page of any stamp publication. This is a result of careful and thoughtful typography. Good printing begins with the work of the compositor and layout man—without good typography there can be no good printing.

HE DOES NOT MEAN GOYA Nudes. Joe Arthur, one of the members of the Columbus Philatelic Club who contributed toward the complimentary page in last issue announces that he collects U. S. Used Blocks and Strip Stamps. We have thought best to call attention to this advertisement for fear someone would misunderstand just what Joe does collect.

THE ABYSSINIAN REMAINDERS are sold. A London dispatch to the New York Times states that an English dealer sunk his entire private fortune in the purchase of this lot of remainders. It is said that the total catalogue value of the lot is in excess of 25,000 pounds sterling.

ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF THE Boston Stamp party, an organization within the A. P. S. is "to produce more liquid capital." This is something that we are heartily in favor of.

OUT IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Mrs. Philip R. Smith has sued her husband Philip R. Smith, a civil engineer for divorce. The Mrs. says that Philip has an income of $500 per month from securities as well as an income from his work, and that he refuses to buy clothes for his 19-year-old daughter but has spent as much as $59 for a cancelled postage stamp.

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The Sept.-Oct. issue of Guneschs News is out and carries an interesting page by Al Jones who ventures two interesting predictions relative to Buros. We will possibly see two new buro values 20 and 25 cents to be used by the larger cities. Also possibly a 20 or 25 cent coil as there seems to be a demand for them. There is also an interesting article about the P. S. S. convention by Prof. Gamber. Gunesch also has 10 solid pages of interesting buro offers.

Our good co-operator Caldwell of Simcoe, Canada, sends in for inspection some interesting things in buros that show evidence of hard work on type study. Old type Clevelands and Chicago B11's with the letter "H" worked out with the normal bar, diagonal up, and diagonal down. More work for the oddity fiends.

The "BEE" for September seems to be about the best and most interesting issue we have ever read. Vic Rotnem has pepped up the reading matter, the adds are good, and plenty space seems to be devoted to Buros. Dr. Mitchell warns of paying excessive prices for the Bloomfield 2c coil pairs. Now quoted at 25c each for the single and 50c per pair. He also promises information on another pair that will get a revision DOWNWARD. Vic Rotnem reviews the buro section of the new genreal precancel catalog. There has been a number of interesting price changes but most of us buro fans will no doubt wait for No. 9 of the Buro Cat.

N. R. Hoover's column in the Stamp News is ever interesting. In the issue 10-5-31. He, too, reviews the buro section of the new general catalog, and notes plenty of increases in block prices, in fact prices went up pretty well through the whole buro list. Mr. Hoover also advises that the rumor is that the new Washington series will NOT be buro printed but he, personally, thinks otherwise.

The Bureau at Washington must have patched up some of the broken worn electros as there is nothing new or startling in plate breaks this week.

Again Mr. Appel of Sanderson, Texas, sends in a card of interesting buro breaks. Albany 1c ordinary and Burlington 1c coil showing the broken "B" resembling a "D". At first we thought these were light inkings but enough have turned up to show them as type breaks. Mr. Appel shows a new break on the Sioux City 1c B11. "OU" of Sioux broken away at the bottom. He also shows some fine Boston Blocks that show the broken "N" variety. Thanks Mr. Appel.

The S-D Trading Co., of Southington, Conn., turns up a new value of the interesting Los Angeles B11 break. This the 3 center with Calif badly distorted and the period jammed into the "F" as to resemble an "E". We have the 1c turned in by Mr. E. S. Thresher and the 5c by Walt Black. Are there other values known?

Art Bledsoe sends in an interesting piece, a block of 12 Cleveland 1c B11. Center row stretched, top and bottom row normal. This makes an interesting showing.

Your buro editor goes a visiting. For a long time we have tried to make three places in Ohio. The first to Columbus to see the "Weekly" come sliding off the press. Then to Canton to renew friendships with those McKinley Stamp folks. Last to Akron to see Chas. Townsend. Well, we finally made the Rubber City and wended our way to 848 West Market street. After a most cordial greeting by Mr. and Mrs. Townsend we were escorted to the stamp shop. A fine well-lighted office and our first impression was a large hosiery department in a store. Could all these ten foot tiers of shelves that were packed with boxes be filled with stamps? They were, and not just tossed in the boxes but all were bundled and counted. As a matter of curiosity we asked for to see some outlandish country and the box promptly came into view. U. S., yes sir, a plenty. Singles, blocks, strips, or what have you. Don't think that Charley Townsends stock is all one cent fellers, we saw some things that would make a U. S. collector's head swim. Mr. Townsend knew we were buro hunting and promptly handed out about 250 cards of nicely sorted buros. We started a slow dignified hunt for breaks, and then the fun began, box after box, singles, blocks, larger blocks, coil pairs, strips, well we knew it would be impossible to see them all, looked at what we could, corralled an envelope of "busts" and remembered that there were other days coming. All the while we were looking, Charley kept up a running fire of stories of the past. Were they interesting? One thing stands out was an old order from the firm of Theodore Champion of Paris for some U. S. in the thousands, it was filled too. Verily I say unto you readers, Charles Townsend of Akron, Ohio, has STAMPS. In closing we might state that his adds in the Weekly are always clear and concise and it will be worth your while to watch any buro adds in the future. You will be repaid plenty.

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Earle Ovington

A letter received from this Early Bird, advises me that the statement that he would autograph all 20th anniversary covers sent to him was an error. The fact is that collectors and dealers send him large quantities to autograph, which takes a large amount of time, and being a cover collector himself, he thinks you ought to be willing to give him one cover out of each five which you send with requests for autographs. Earle also sent me a very fine 4x6 photograph, which he has had prepared especially for his collector friends, and which is autographed. His address is Santa Barbara, Calif.

Garfield, N. J.

Will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pres. James A. Garfield, after whom the town was named, on November 19th. A cachet is assured, and such a cover franked with the current 6c stamp containing his picture, will be a nice tie-up. Send covers to Paul P. Gervers, 150 Passaic St., that city, and use Yorktown stamp on your letter to him.

Foreign Postage

Since November 1st the postage rate to British possessions in Central and South America, in the West Indies, to Bermuda, Dutch West Indies and to New Zealand, has been increased to 5c for one-half ounce letters and postal cards, 3c.

New Route

A new air mail route between Chicago, Rockford and LaCrosse, Wis., is expected to start within the next two months. The new route is 238 miles long and will be in addition to the present one, from Chicago, via Milwaukee, to LaCrosse, Wis.

Coming

There will be a good cachet at Raleigh, N. C., for the first night flying on A. M. 19. Send covers to W. G. Mendenhall, Box 5708, State College Sta., Raleigh, and use commemorative stamps.

The Exchange Club of Allentown, Pa., is sponsoring a lecture by Paul Siple this month and will have a cachet for air mail. Send to Fred C. Foelker, 24 South Fairview Avenue, that city.

Pan-American Airways announces that Col. Lindbergh has been hired to pilot the first flight of the "Yankee Clipper" from Miami to the Panama Canal, scheduled to take place November 17th. The new airship is the largest passenger and mail plane between these two cities but the fact that the Lone Eagle will be at the controls coupled with the interest which he has created in airmail covers, will create a desire on the part of many collectors to have letters carried on the plane which he pilots on this occasion. No data has been received relative to cachet, official or unofficial.

New Army Air Chief

Brig. General Benjamin D. Foulois on December 15th will become the new chief of the Air Corps of the Army. Foulois was the first army pilot to fly the first plane owned by the Army.

First Official Air Mail

Between St. Petersburg and Jacksonville, Fla., is the inscription on an air mail cover in the form of a green cachet. The covers bear date of Oct. 26, 1931 and although we had no official notice of any kind, further information as to the authenticity of this statement is desired. Both cities have previously had airmail service and perhaps on this date the first direct service was inaugurated.

Covers

Ervin F. Snyder, R. F. D., Elyria, Ohio, sends me a very fine Memorial cover mailed at Milan, Ohio, the birthplace of Thos. A. Edison, on October 21st, 2:00 p. m., the exact time of his funeral. It is franked with a U. S. Light commemorative stamp, bears a photo of the house in which he was born and also one of those pretty golden jubilee stickers.

From Wm. C. Vestal, cancelled on Navy Day on board the U. S. Flagship, at San Pedro, Cal.—Thanks also to Hal R. Doolittle, W. S. Collier, Jas. P. Butler for information regarding Battleship cancellations. Covers are also noted from other battleships, commemorating Navy Day. These covers bear special markings, special designed envelopes and usually special colored cancellations. Covers were received from the following ships, USS Oklahoma, USS Medusa, USS Pennsylvania, USS Richmond, US Frigate Constitution, and also, from Washington, D. C., where a special air celebration commemorated this day.

Dirigible Talk

The USS "Akron" has been making flights over the Eastern Seaboard the past few days and newspaper reports carry the story that soon this huge airship will leave for a cruise across the continent and perhaps to Hawaii. Let's hope this is considered a long enough distance to permit the carrying of mail. The Goodyear-Zeppelin authorities admit that the new dirigible ZRS No. 5 will be ready for delivery in 1932. The Graf Zeppelin Commander Eckener says that a new largest of large zeppelins will be ready in 1932, so for those of us that are interested in lighter-than-airship carried covers, many promising flights are forthcoming.

Contributors

L. Earle White, Fred C. Foelker, Cyrus F. Adams, W. C. Vestal, W. G. Mendenhall, Hal R. Doolittle, W. S. Collier, Jas. P. Butter and P. P. Gervers.

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Christmas Seals and Charity Stamps

A Monthly Department

Edited by

A. W. C. BRUMFIELD,

99 W. Pratt St. Indianapolis, Ind.

Our new heading this month is through the courtesy of Harry M. Goold, an enthusiastic Christmas Seal collector of Indianapolis, Indiana. Many thanks, Harry. Hereafter this column will try to appear in the first issue of every month.

The U. S. Tuberculosis Christmas Seal has appeared in booklet panes of six in 1908, 1930 and 1931. In 1918 there was a booklet pane of 10. If any other years are known, please report them to this department.

"Foreign—U. S." Funds stamps, meaning those for the benefit of funds to be spent in America, but raised in a foreign country, have been few in the past. This adds to the interest of a new stamp sold in Denmark to help finance the coming visit of their Olympic team to Los Angeles.

1930-31 has set a record in the U. S. for new issues of charity stamps. From June 1st to June 1st there have been at least 75 different major varieties in use and nearly as many additional minor variations.

Christmas 1930 brought us a number of new seal using societies, most interesting of which is the "Carmelite" set. Altho the Carmelite Fathers had the sale of this set, they are careful to state that they "do not issue any seals" these being "St. Theresa seals". The seals are printed in black and represent scenes from St. Theresa's life, taken from photographs from Lisieux, France. There are 25 different views, 2 complete sets (5 booklet panes of 10) being bound together to make the booklet. To further complicate matters two papers were used, a thin white paper and the second a thicker cream colored paper.

The Wisconsin Department of the American Legion joined the seal issuers in 1931 with a seal to "Stamp Out Crime in Wisconsin."

Our good friend "Sevard," foremost philatelic statistician and columnist, informs us that seals are not extensively used. Certainly, seal issuing organizations who fail to make use of their own seals on their own correspondence, are making a grave tactical error, and would seem to have missed the point for which seals are primarily intended. If the propaganda value of the seals is of less importance than the money immediately realized from their sale, it becomes questionable as to whether or not the issuing charity is worthy of support. On the other hand, all honor to those societies who are generous with their remainders, instead of destroying them, for they would seem to have faith in their own propaganda, and we collectors do well to co-operate with them by distributing their seals widely and BY USING THEM.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR FUNDS STAMPS

By DICK GREEN
152 South 4th East Street,
Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

When we consider the popularity of charity or "funds" stamps, for the raising of money for war charities, from the Sanitary Fairs of the Civil War down to the multitude of issues concerned with all phases of the World War, the collector is impressed by the dearth of similar stamps for the benefit of our efforts in the Spanish-American conflict.

If, however, we just "hop over the fence" we find that the opposition in that struggle made extensive use of this means of financing. The writer is gradually accumulating data for a list of the charity stamps used in the rest of the Americas, to supplement the fairly comprehensive lists in existence, covering the issues pertaining to the U. S. A. The pro-Spanish stamps emanated from the Americas in part, and the anti-American purpose may justify the inclusion of even the purely Spanish issues in such a list.

Quoting from the 1901 catalog of P. Mathes: "Early in 1898, relations between Spain and the United States growing increasingly critical, the inadequate Spanish navy became a matter of public concern. It was the Spanish colony in Buenos Aires who originated the idea of a Voluntary War Tax to raise funds for the immediate building of war ships." The stamps issued were as follows: (HR or VR designate the shape of the stamp as a horizontal or vertical rectangle)

1—"Republica Argentina—Associacion Patriotica Espanola—Por le Patria—5 centavos." Gray violet. HR perf.

2—"Dos Espanoles en la Argentina..." (woman and Spanish arms) 5c violet. HR perf.

3—"Commission Central—Provincia de Buenos Aires—Pro Patria 1898." (war ship). Blue. VR perf & Imperf.

The Spanish colony in Mexico soon followed the example of their Argentine brethren, putting out a series of "voluntary war tax" stamps in the design illustrated:

4— 2 centavos, greenish blue, Square 20x20 mm. roul 8.

5— 5 centavos, dark green, Square 20x20 mm. roul 8.

6—25 centavos, blue, Square, 20x20 mm. roul 8.

7— 1 Peso, red, Square 20x20 mm. roul 8.

We now come to a most peculiar circumstance, the issue of a similar stamp in the enemy country itself, by the Spanish committee in the U.S.A. (possibly projected before the actual declaration of war?). Ten millions of this stamp are said to have been prepared, with an aggregate face value of a half million dollars. Mathes says: "How far did it materialize is very difficult to discover because of the conflicting reports referring to the issue, so that the very existence of the stamp is doubtful." The design is supposed to have been the same as that of the Mexican issues but with value in **cents**:

8— 5 cents light green (probably square 20x20 mm. roul 8).

If such a stamp ever existed, may we not hope that examples may yet be found. Look over your collection of foreign revenues or Spanish charities, possibly you have a copy! If they were confiscated and destroyed, perhaps some memory may be stirred by this article, and more information forthcoming.

In Spain many communities issued stamps for the governmental naval funds, some also for the more customary charity and propaganda uses, and besides the documented and well known issues there are considerable groups, including Red Cross stamps, of which the status is doubtful. Some are doubtless private speculations, as often charged, but their rarity would seem to indicate that the private issues met with small success.

All of the American issues rank from scarce to rare or non-existent; the Spanish issues fairly plentiful (some have been reprinted); while the doubtful groups are mostly quite rare.

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There is one word, perhaps a new one, that I have not yet seen used, that contains but five letters and still puts the idea across—MEMOS. Perhaps some one has suggested this before. We use the word memo as an abbreviation for Andy's famous "Memolandums" that he makes from time to time, but we do not see it used in the plural for that purpose. Many words have two or more distinct meanings in our language, and the use of the word MEMO to designate a commemorative postage stamp, or more often MEMOS for several such stamps, seems to me to be permissible and proper. What a lot of time stamp collectors and dealers could save by thus cutting that fourteen or fifteen letters down to four or five.

What do you think of it?—Jos. E. Harvey.

*The heading over this item is a thought from the Editor. We use the word "Mums" in referring to another jawbreaker word, "Chrysanthemums" and the contraction has become in almost universal use. "Mems" would seem to cover "Commemoratives" in the same manner.

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